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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 111

Introduced by Senator Machado

**(Coauthors: Senators Ackerman, Bowen, Chesbro, Cox, Kuehl,
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 111—Relative to California
Cancer Survivors Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 111, as amended, Machado. California Cancer Survivors Day.

This measure would proclaim the first Sunday of June 2006 and in
each year thereafter, as California Cancer Survivors Day, to coincide
with National Cancer Survivors Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, According to the National Cancer Institute, an
2 estimated 10.1 million Americans are living with a cancer
3 history. Some of these individuals are cancer-free, while others
4 still have evidence of cancer and may be undergoing treatment;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society, California
7 Division, approximates that nearly 950,000 Californians who are
8 alive today have a history of cancer, and nearly 590,000 were
9 diagnosed five or more years ago; and

1 WHEREAS, Anyone is at risk for developing some form of
2 cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation
4 defines survivor as anyone living with a history of cancer, from
5 the moment of diagnosis through the remaining years of life; and

6 WHEREAS, This year, about 136,875 Californians will be
7 diagnosed as having cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, More than 79,000 Californians who will ~~get~~ *be*
9 *diagnosed with* cancer this year will be alive five years after
10 diagnosis; and

11 WHEREAS, Improved and early detection and treatment
12 allows more people with cancer to live longer and with a better
13 quality of life than ever before; and

14 WHEREAS, Nevertheless, it must be recognized that cancer is
15 a life-altering experience not solely for the individual, but for
16 family members, friends, and caregivers; and

17 WHEREAS, Emotional, physical, and financial hardships are
18 common occurrences that individuals and their extended
19 communities endure years after diagnosis; and

20 WHEREAS, It is essential to recognize and educate
21 communities about the organizations and agencies available to
22 survivors and their families and friends; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition, it is imperative that acknowledgment,
24 reflection, and commemoration of this extraordinary feat take
25 place for all those impacted by this life-altering experience; now,
26 therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the first
29 Sunday of June 2006 and in each year thereafter, as California
30 Cancer Survivors Day, to coincide with National Cancer
31 Survivors Day; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
33 this resolution to the Governor.

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